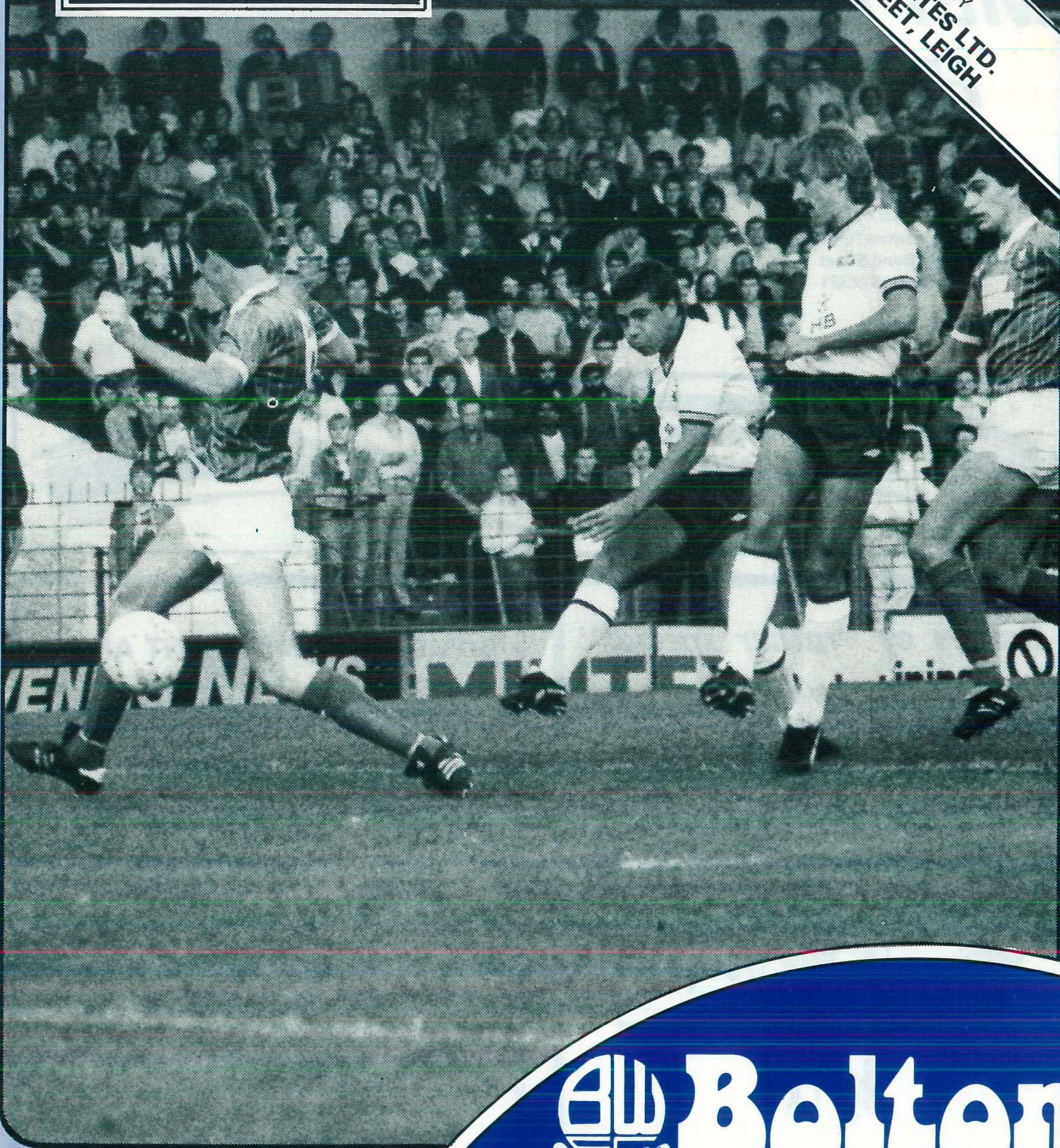


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There is no denying that tonight's match will be our sternest home test of the season and anything we get by way of League points will be hard earned indeed.

Once again your vocal support can lift us and I would urge you to get behind us right from the start. Without your encouragement at certain times and in certain games so far this season, I'm sure we would not have had as profitable a points haul as we have.

So the message to the fans tonight is to Shout for Points!

Hull's manager Colin Appleton has a wealth of experience in the game and no one can argue that his success in non-league football at Scarborough made him an ideal choice for the Hull job when it became available.

As for the players, there is no doubt that one of the Hull danger-men tonight will be Les Mutrie. We'll have to keep a close eye on him because he has the reputation of being one of the League's sharpshooters, capable of creating good opportunities out of half-chances.

Although scorers like Mutrie will always receive most adulation Hull, like



ourselves, are strong in all departments. And the reason for their superb start to the season is the confidence carried forward from their successful promotion run last season.

As our supporters know, I have tried recently to strengthen my squad of players. Obviously the more people through the turnstiles, the greater our spending power.

Let us hope that tonight's larger than average crowd is a means to that end.

FRONT COVER: Warren Joyce scoring against Chester earlier this season.



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FOR FURTHER PROMOTION

by Tony Pullein

Early-season form suggests that Hull City, runners-up in the Fourth Division last season, are quite capable of emulating the feats of other recently-successful Fourth Division sides — Watford and Swansea among them — by moving further up soccer's social scale.

The Tigers remained undefeated in their opening nine League games of the current season and really excelled themselves some ten days ago by crushing close rivals Sheffield United by 4-1 at Boothferry Park.

That victory maintained their 100 per cent home record and, in five matches at Boothferry Park, they had scored 12 goals and conceded only one.

Before going to Brentford on Saturday, Hull had won at Gillingham (2-1) and drawn at Bradford City (0-0), Preston (0-0) and Wigan (1-1).

Unless they experienced that fate at Griffin Park on Saturday, Hull come to Burnden Park with a record of never having been in arrears in any League game this season!

The only blot on Hull's record so far was their quick exit from the Milk Cup. After being held at home to a goalless draw by Lincoln City, they lost the return at Sincil Bank by 1-3 after extra-time.

Manager Colin Appleton has made only two additions to his promotion-winning squad. During the close-season he signed striker Steve Massey from Northampton and full-back Mike Hollifield from Wolves.

If they managed to avoid defeat at Brentford on Saturday, the Tigers will come to Bolton with an unbeaten run of 14 League games, their previous defeat being at York City (0-1) in April.

One of the reasons for Hull's continued success is that they have potential goalscorers dotted all the way around their team. In their opening 11 League and Cup games, no fewer than nine of their players got among the goals — Whitehurst 5, Mutrie 4, Marwood 4, Massey 2, Flounders 1, McClaren 1, McNeil 1, Roberts

(G) 1 and Skipper 1.

Apart from goalkeeper Tony Norman, only defenders Dale Roberts, Billy Askew and Mike Hollifield had failed to score at least once!

The Tigers' success is the more heartening because in February 1982 it seemed the club would close down. Beset by financial problems, the previous chairman announced that he could carry the club only to the end of that season and that, unless someone came along to take over, he would have no option but to put the club into liquidation.

Happily, a new syndicate came up with the money and the Tigers carried on. Colin Appleton, previously manager of Scarborough, took charge of team affairs and, since then, they haven't looked back.

After a dodgy start last season, Hull quickly moved up among the top four in Division Four — and stayed there throughout the season. They clouted Stockport County by 7-0 and lost only six League matches all season.

It all adds up to a big success story for Mr Appleton who had plotted so many triumphs in non-League circles for Scarborough. In fact, he started his playing career with Scarborough before moving on to Leicester City in 1954.

At Filbert Street he developed into an outstanding wing-half and he skippered the club in the Wembley F.A. Cup finals of 1961 and 1963. They lost both but he gained some consolation in 1964 when he led Leicester to victory in the League Cup final. Mr Appleton played in yet another Cup final when Leicester were beaten in the League Cup final of 1965.

When his League career ended, he returned to Scarborough — initially as player-manager — and played right-back at Wembley when that club won the F.A. Challenge Trophy in 1973. As manager he led them to further Wembley successes in 1976 and 1977 and it was under his guidance that Scarborough became a very strong contender for a place in the Football League.

Hull City F.C. was formed in 1904 and elected to the Second Division of the Football League a year later. Until 1981 the Tigers had spent their entire career commuting between the Second and Third Divisions. The closest they got to the First Division was in 1910 when they finished third in Division Two. In 1930 they appeared in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.

Perhaps their most successful era in League football followed their election in 1905. They missed promotion to the First Division on goal-average in 1910 and remained a Second Division club until 1930. After that they switched divisions regularly but, after promotion in 1966, they re-established themselves at Second Division level.

They held their place for 12 years. Relegation to the Third Division in 1978 was followed by their first-ever spell of Fourth Division play in 1981. Happily, the revival that started with promotion last season now looks likely to continue and there is every prospect of Second Division football returning to Boothferry Park next season.

TONY NORMAN (Goalkeeper). Tony didn't manage to get into the first-team at Burnley but a £30,000 transfer to Hull four seasons ago gave him the chance he wanted. He is now approaching his 150th League game for the club.

BOBBY McNEIL (Defender). Bobby comes from N. Ireland but he served his apprenticeship with Hull and made his League debut three seasons ago. He scored his first League goal in the 5-0 victory over Millwall last month.

DALE ROBERTS (Defender). Dale, a former England youth international, was a member of Ipswich's F.A. Youth Cup winning teams of 1973 and 1975. He made a couple of dozen first-team appearances for the Portman Road club and Hull invested £60,000 in his transfer in 1980.

PETER SKIPPER (Defender). Peter was discovered in local football in February 1979 and was playing in Hull's League team a month later. He was sold to Darlington for £10,000 but manager Colin Appleton took him back to Hull two years later in a £6,000 deal.

MIKE HOLLIFIELD (Defender). Mike was one of Wolves' successful apprentices who got his chance in their senior team during 1980/81. He made 21 League appearances for the Molineux club and was transferred to Hull at the beginning of this season.

BRIAN MARWOOD (Midfield). Brian is a former Hull apprentice who first came into the League eleven in 1970/80. He has been a regular for the past three seasons and last term came top scorer with 19 goals. His two important goals helped the Tigers defeat Sheffield United 4-1 a couple of weeks ago to take his tally for this season to four.

STEVE McCLAREN (Midfield). Steve is another Hull discovery who went through his apprenticeship at Boothferry Park. Introduced to League soccer in

1980, Steve has been a regular for the past three seasons. He scored his first goal of the season against Sheffield United.

GARETH ROBERTS (Midfield). Gareth is a local lad who joined the club from school. He made his League debut in 1978/79 and has now passed the 150-mark in League football. He is the Tigers' skipper but he was injured in the Lincoln game last month and missed some subsequent games.

GARY SWANN (Midfield). Gary is yet another former Hull apprentice to succeed in League soccer. He made the senior side three seasons ago and can play in midfield or defence.

BILLY ASKEW (Midfield). Billy spent his early days with Middlesbrough, making a dozen League appearances for the Ayresome Park club. He thought his League days were over when Middlesbrough released him in 1982 and he joined non-League Gateshead. But Hull signed him during the early weeks of last season when he made 36 appearances in their Fourth Division promotion-winning side.

BILLY WHITEHURST (Forward). Billy was signed from Mexborough in October 1980 and quickly won a place in the Hull side. He celebrated his 100th League game this season and scored five times in his first seven League games of the current campaign.

LES MUTRIE (Forward). Les was top scorer with 28 goals two seasons ago, in one run scoring in nine successive games, including a four-goal hit against Hartlepool. Les originally got his chance after joining Carlisle from Gateshead in 1977 but he was released a year later and went back to non-League soccer with Blyth Spartans. His form during one of their Cup runs inspired Hull to invest £50,000 in his transfer three seasons ago. Last season he netted 12 times.

ANDY FLOUNDERS (Forward). Andy was only 16 when he made his first League appearance against Oxford in 1980 but he won a fairly regular place last season.

STEVE MASSEY (Forward). Steve, who was signed from Northampton this summer, began his League career with Stockport in 1975 and moved on to Bournemouth three years later. In 1981 he moved on to Peterborough but stayed for only a few weeks before signing for Northampton. He was their top scorer with 25 goals last season.

NEIL COCKIN. Joined Hull City under the Youth Opportunities scheme and made such a good impression that he has now signed as a full-time professional. Yet to make his League debut.

DENNIS BOOTH. Began his career with Charlton in 1967, moved to Blackpool in 1971 then a few weeks later joined Southend where he made 78 League appearances. From there he joined Lincoln City in 1974 and was a regular member of their side for 4 years until going to Watford. He helped the 'Hornets' rise from the 4th to the 2nd Division. Joined Hull during the summer of 1980.

PAUL OLSSON. Still an apprentice. Yet to make his League debut.

No team photograph has been issued by Hull City this season.

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'Previous Encounters'

Today's game with the Tigers will be the 29th Football League meeting between the sides. All the previous games have taken place at Second Division level with the Wanderers winning 12 games to Hulls 7.

The first games took place in season 1908/09 with both clubs winning their respective home games, Bolton going on to win the Championship. Two seasons later the Wanderers found themselves back in the Second Division and taking three points from Hull, winning at home by 2-1 and drawing 1-1 away.

Our next meetings didn't take place until the Wanderers next spell out of the top division in 1933/34. City won their home game by the only goal and they also picked up a point at Burnden in a 3-3 draw. The following season the Wanderers won promotion and also gained their first league victory at Hull (Analby Road). Goals from Jack Milsom and Jack Rimmer won the points in a game that saw John Hurst make his league debut for the Wanderers as a 19 years old. Although never a first team regular his career at Bolton spanned the war playing his last game in December 1946 before his transfer to Oldham.

Hull gained revenge for their first home defeat by coming to Burnden and recording their only win here to date by 2-1.

After Hull's promotion from the Third Division our paths crossed in consecutive seasons from 1966/67 to 1970/71. During this time Bolton remained unbeaten at home winning four and drawing in March 1971 in the only scoreless game between the sides at Burnden. The Wanderers best victory over Hull came during this period when a 6-1 victory was seen at Burnden in August 1967 with two goals from Francis Lee, John Byrom and Gordon Taylor.

Bolton's last victory at Hull came during the same month when goals from John Byrom and Francis Lee won the points in a 2-1 win. Chris Simpkin scoring for Hull.

Upon the Wanderers return to the Second Division in 1973 our paths once again crossed five seasons consecutively. Apart from 1974/75 when Hull took three points, Bolton had the better of these exchanges winning all their home games including an impressive 5-1 win in September 1976 and drawing the remainder of the visits to Hull.

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together on three occasions with Bolton winning them all in 1915, 1924 and after a replay in 1961.

Our only League Cup confrontation came in 1960/61 when after a scoreless draw at Hull, Bolton won through with a resounding 5-1 win in the replay.

Another game between today's sides worth mentioning took place at Hull in May 1947 to raise money for the Bolton disaster fund. A crowd of 19,000 paid £1,800 and saw the Wanderers win by the only goal from Willie Moir.

Flashback

15 years ago

19th October 1968. Bolton visited Cardiff City and came away with the points in a 2-0 win. The goals came from Terry Wharton and Gordon Taylor with the Wanderers team being the one that started the season in August. Hopkinson, Ritson, Farrimond, Williams, Hulme, Hatton, Wharton, Hill, Greaves, Bromley, Taylor.

10 years ago

20th October 1973. Bolton went down to their second home defeat of the season at the hands of Millwall. Although John Byrom was still missing from the side it was a welcome return for Garry Jones who was playing his first game since August.

The Wanderers were on top for most of the game but were denied time and time again by Millwall keeper Brian King.

Peter Olinsky came on as substitute replacing Peter Nicholson for his first Football League appearance.

Brian Clark scored the winning goal in the 75th minute before a crowd of 13,022.

22nd October 1973. Bolton visited Orient and went down to their fourth consecutive league defeat.

Peter Olinsky started the game in place of the injured Peter Nicholson and Malcolm Darling replaced Stuart Lee.

The Wanderers were on the defensive for most of the game but they managed to hold on until the 53rd minute when Gerry Queen lobbed the ball over Barry Siddall from the edge of the penalty area.

Queen got the second from the penalty spot after Don McAllister had flattened Barrie Fairbrother, and it was Fairbrother that completed the scoring with a header in the 74th minute.

John Bond then in charge of Bournemouth was watching Garry Jones but he had little chance to impress with the Wanderers relying on breakaways.

The win lifted Orient to second place in the Second Division.

5 years ago

21st October 1978. The Wanderers made one change to the side to face Manchester City at Burnden. Peter Nicholson replacing Paul Jones at full back.

32,249 saw an entertaining derby game which resulted in a 2-2 draw. Roger Palmer gave City the lead in the 13th minute but Alan Gowling scored his seventh goal of the season in the 37th minute to equalise.

Three minutes into the second half Frank Worthington put Bolton in front, side footing a Brian Smith cross into the corner of the net.

England under 21 captain Gary Owen equalised for City in the 70th minute with a drive from 25 yards.

Wanderers centre half Sam Allardyce was booked for kicking the ball away to take him past the twenty point mark and to the threat of a three match ban.

Frank Worthington was leading the First Division goal charts with 11 goals.

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Taylor and the rest of his Second Division team plan to get their man. Taylor, who nearly went out of business before Taylor's arrival, also bought Nottingham Forest for £135,000 this summer.

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RESERVE REPORT

28th September Bolton Reserves 1 Sheffield Wednesday Reserves 2.

Horwich RMI keeper Tony McMahon playing as a trialist for the Wanderers was on fine form with a number of spectacular saves throughout the 90 minutes to keep Bolton in the game.

Wednesday had two clear chances in the first ten minutes both falling to Simmons who saw his first effort well saved by McMahon and his second cleared off the line by Eric Snookes.

In the 35th minute Wednesday took the lead from the penalty spot when Simon Darby pushed Morris to the ground. Taylor had no trouble in converting the kick.

The Wanderers equalised 2 minutes from half time when a Neil Berry cross hit Wednesday centre half Pickering before spinning off keeper Baker into the net.

The second half saw the Wanderers increase in confidence and chances fell to both Roger Walker and Dean Roberts, these being cleared off the line and saved by the keeper respectively.

In the 69th minute Paul Davies came on for Steve Saunders who had aggravated an injury.

The best move of the game almost gave the Wanderers the lead in the 82nd minute when Roy Coghiel and Roger Walker combined to give Paul Keighley the chance only to see his volley go inches over the bar.

Wednesday took the lead a minute later when a Morris cross found Simmons unmarked to take the ball round McMahon and score into an empty net.

In the final minute Tony McMahon pulled off the save of the game with a tremendous leap to thwart an 18 yard drive from Mills.

Team: McMahon, Berry, Snookes, Madden, Darby S., Gautrey, Walker, Saunders, Roberts, Coghiel, Keighley. Sub. Davies for Saunders.

4th October Liverpool Reserves 6 Bolton Wanderers Reserves 0

Liverpool showed just why they want to see the Central League Championship trophy back at Anfield with a display that would have given any team a hiding.

The young Wanderers included brothers Simon and Julian Darby and a debutant Paul Crooks but had no answer, although to their credit they didn't let their heads drop at any time.

Liverpool took the lead after 8 minutes when Foley volleyed home a Mooney cross from 10 yards with the Wanderers defence square.

When the Wanderers did move into attack they were caught out time and time again by a Liverpool offside trap.

In the 26th minute Paul Davies found himself with space to shoot from the edge of the penalty area which went inches wide with Liverpool keeper Bob Bolder beaten.

Liverpool went two up in the 38th minute when McGregor broke clear to play a one two with Foley before shooting home.

Jewell increased Liverpool's lead a minute later with a breakaway goal past stranded keeper Keith Mooney.

Two minutes from half time John Gautrey broke clear only to shoot over the bar from a wide angle.

On the stroke of half time Liverpool scored the best goal of the game when Foley sent a spectacular curling shot into the roof of the net from 20 yards.

Jimmy Phillips came on for Roger Walker in the 68th for his first taste of Central League action this season.

Former England international Phil Thompson scored Liverpool's fifth in the 73rd minute rising unchallenged to head home.

Keith Mooney in the Wanderers goal saw both sides of goalkeeping in less than a minute when he made a tremendous save from Jewell and then seconds later let a cross slip through his fingers to present West with an open goal to complete the scoring.

Team: Mooney, Berry, Snookes, Darby J., Darby S., Madden, Walker, Crooks, Roberts, Davies, Gautrey. Sub. Phillips for Walker.

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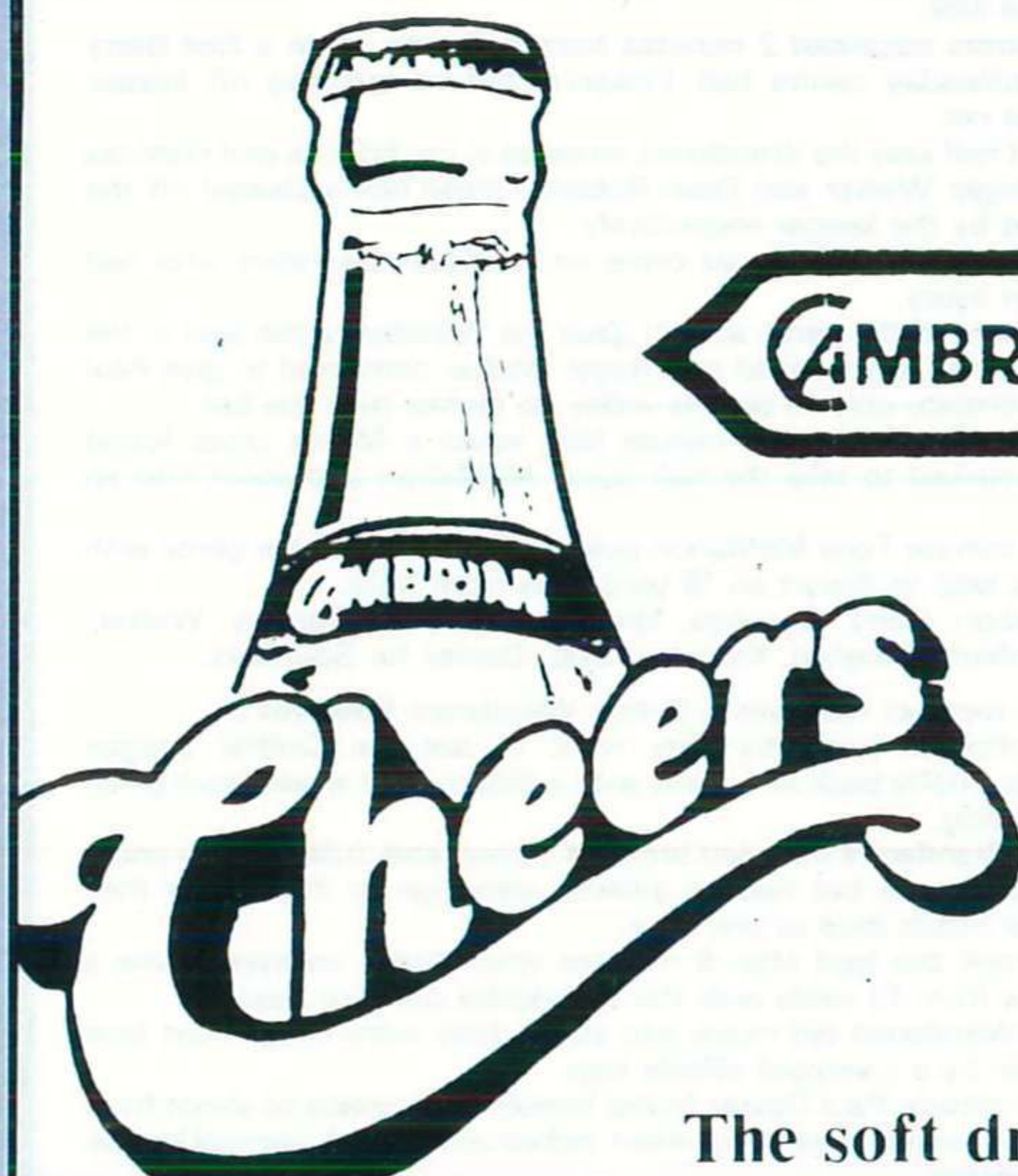


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DAVE SMITH, former fullback with Burnley, Brighton and Bristol City between 1950 and 1963 is currently on the dole following his sacking as manager of Southend United in the summer. A man of great experience, he has worked on the coaching side for Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle United and is keeping himself in touch by watching as much football as he possibly can. In this revealing article Dave raises some interesting issues as he reviews a cross section of English League football as seen through his professional eyes, and tries to evaluate the common denominator for success.



The Kudos Factor

I use the word 'kudos' because it means honour and glory and that is what every manager and every player is trying to achieve during the course of the season. Unfortunately football is not an easy business in which to achieve success, it is competitive, hard and governed by many outside influences which can disrupt the most meticulous preparation. Refereeing decisions can go against you at the wrong time, injuries will leave their scars and players will let managers down from time to time for no apparent reason. In the opening few weeks of the season I watched seven games — 14 teams — in various divisions and competitions and tried to find out if there are any specific factors which separated the winners from the losers, relevant qualities which are common to all.

The fixtures covered are Ipswich Town v Tottenham Hotspur; Colchester United v Blackpool; Gillingham v Bolton Wanderers; Orient v Scunthorpe United; Arsenal v Liverpool; Charlton Athletic v Brentford and Wimbledon v Port Vale. In the first instance I must say that the 'home' sides enjoyed the greater percentage of success although I will not accept that this is nearly always the case. The best sides always achieve a high ratio of success away from home as the league tables in this programme will no doubt confirm.

The first and most important lesson to emerge from my analysis was that the teams that triumphed had an abundance of 'team spirit.' Players who thought of others before themselves, made good supporting runs for the men on the ball. The best in this category was, as you would expect, Liverpool but Ipswich, Gillingham, Brentford and Wimbledon were also impressive in this department. I must make special mention of Wimbledon who played with four marauding forwards who caused havoc with the opposition's defence. They certainly demonstrated to the full the spirit of ruthlessness required to bring its own rewards.

Possession and passing must be linked together because they are one and the

same thing. Without possession you can only defend and survive, with possession you can attack and triumph.

Again Liverpool were the tops, more efficient, more accurate and more purposeful than any of the other teams, but I must say that I was very impressed by the quality in this department displayed by Bolton and Brentford.

They say that possession is nine-tenths of the law but in soccer possession is the law on the field of play and teams that develop a good understanding and can confidently play one-touch football can control the game.

The next thing I looked for was supporting play in attacking situations. Football in this country is well organised at the back and you will see most teams dropping back in numbers in double quick time when the ball is lost, to smother the opposition's attack. Yet you would be surprised at how badly we neglect supporting the attack.

In most of the games covered here, teams who launched counter-attacks failed miserably to support their thrust with bodies. They allowed themselves to be undermanned in the attacking third of the field and this was particularly the case with regard to the away sides who lost.

Were they afraid to expose themselves? Or was it just lack of concentration or a

lack of confidence in their own ability? Whatever it was it proved costly on the day.

The most effective team in this aspect must be Watford who take advantage of every attacking phase. No player is ever unsupported in forward flank positions but more important is the numbers they have waiting in the penalty area for the crosses.

Even in European competition, as their brilliant 4-3 victory over Kaiserslautern in the UEFA Cup demonstrated, they take advantage of every cross. No side in the country, not even Liverpool, can match up to the efficiency and professionalism of Watford in this department.

Graham Taylor's spirit of adventure and positive approach has brought the club just reward and those seeking success would do well to study his methods. Young Dave Basset at Wimbledon is on the right lines and is only a 'cats whisker' away from emulating the Watford rise to fame.

"Insufficient ruthlessness" was the expression used by one American General to explain why a battle was lost, it could also describe the reasons for many a lost football match.

Having had the opportunity to watch the game from a detached position, so to speak, I confess I'm shocked at the lack of simple manoeuvres employed today. For me push-and-run football has always been an important attacking ploy but it seems to be totally disregarded by many sides. It is such a simple movement that it is almost impossible to stop when executed correctly and there are many other spin-offs that can develop from it like the delayed return pass or a third man running.

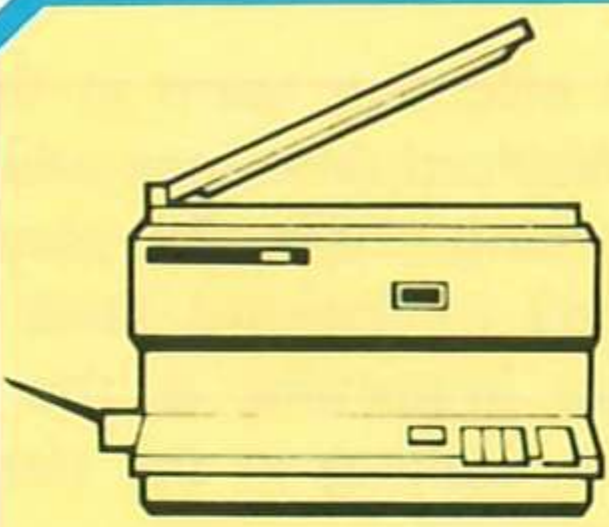
I remember the mornings spent in the big gym at Hillsborough thrashing out all aspects of the push-and-run game. It was time well spent.

And what about the take-overs — and I'm not talking about consortiums — seemingly another disappearing art. We proved at one of my previous clubs that with constant practice and understanding it could become as natural as hitting longer balls to the front men. And you don't have to be a star performer to develop this technique into your play.

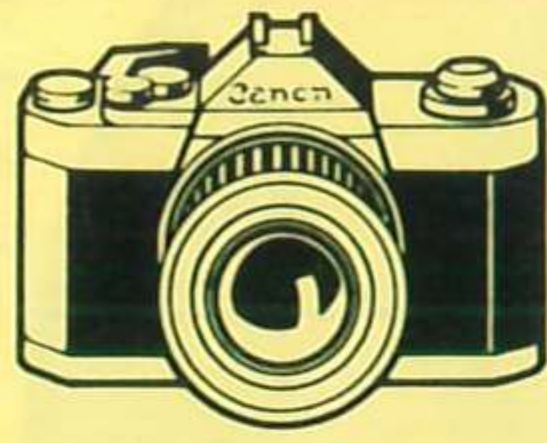
These missing ingredients may not be crucial but good habits no matter how small or irrelevant they might seem eventually add up to the complete package. Set plays — corners, free-kicks, throw-ins — also fall into this category of aspects that are perhaps not given sufficient thought.

Many games are decided on set-play moves yet few clubs seem to devise original concepts in this direction. Watford, Norwich City, Colchester and Blackpool are the only exceptions I have seen recently.

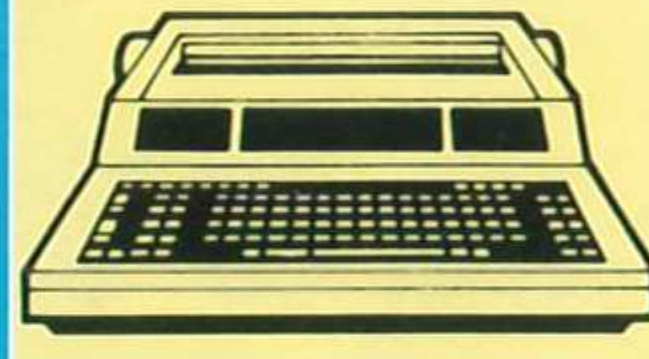
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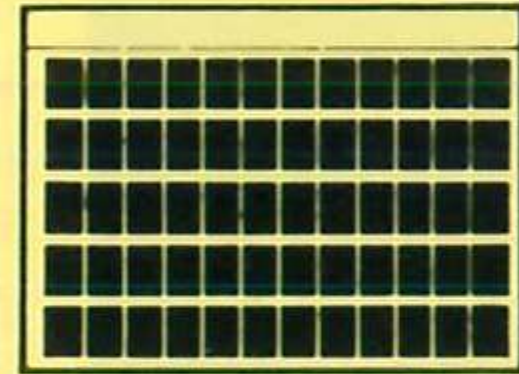
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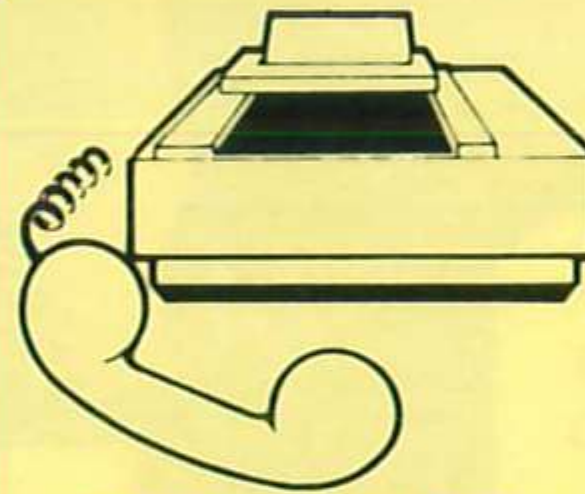
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The Canon League is hoping to explode this season with the sound of goals. Forget all the promises about entertainment, super skills, platforms for the players to prove their commitment. The only music that sets the fans cheering is the sound of the ball hitting the back of the net. The priceless commodity of truth is often obscured at the start of a new season. The game is proliferated by tough-tackling managers who have a soft centre in the boardroom; coaches who preach negative theories and players who express views that are strictly from Fantasy Island. The extraordinary charm of football is its transparent idealism. But underneath those cultivated banalities lies the odour of fear. The promise of success must always be balanced by the peril of failure as any manager worth his salt will tell you. Like Mick Jagger they can't get no satisfaction from finishing second best. There are three golden rules for survival: to get good results, to appease demanding directors and fans and to give the customer what he wants — goals and excitement. The results will take care of themselves.

TOP SHOT

The Watford Gap left by the departure of Luther Blissett to lush Italian pastures this summer will be hard to fill at Vicarage Road.

Blissett had his critics but he still finished top of the First Division scoring charts last season and his 27 goals played a major part in Watford's magnificent run of success and catapulted them into Europe.

Four against Sunderland and three on his England debut dispute the argument that he was a poor finisher and his absence from the Watford scene this season will only bring pleasure to opponents.

At Anfield they swear by the finishing of lanky Ian Rush, a Welshman who was born to score goals. Ice-cold Ian rapped four past arch Merseyside rivals Everton, hit hat-tricks to crush Coventry and Notts County and has a goal ratio second to none in the country over the last two seasons.

Ironically, Rush the Goals, is fed up with fans who merely see him as a scoring machine. "There is more to my game than just that," says Ian with calculated conviction. "I can still have a good game without scoring but few seem to appreciate it."

LETHAL

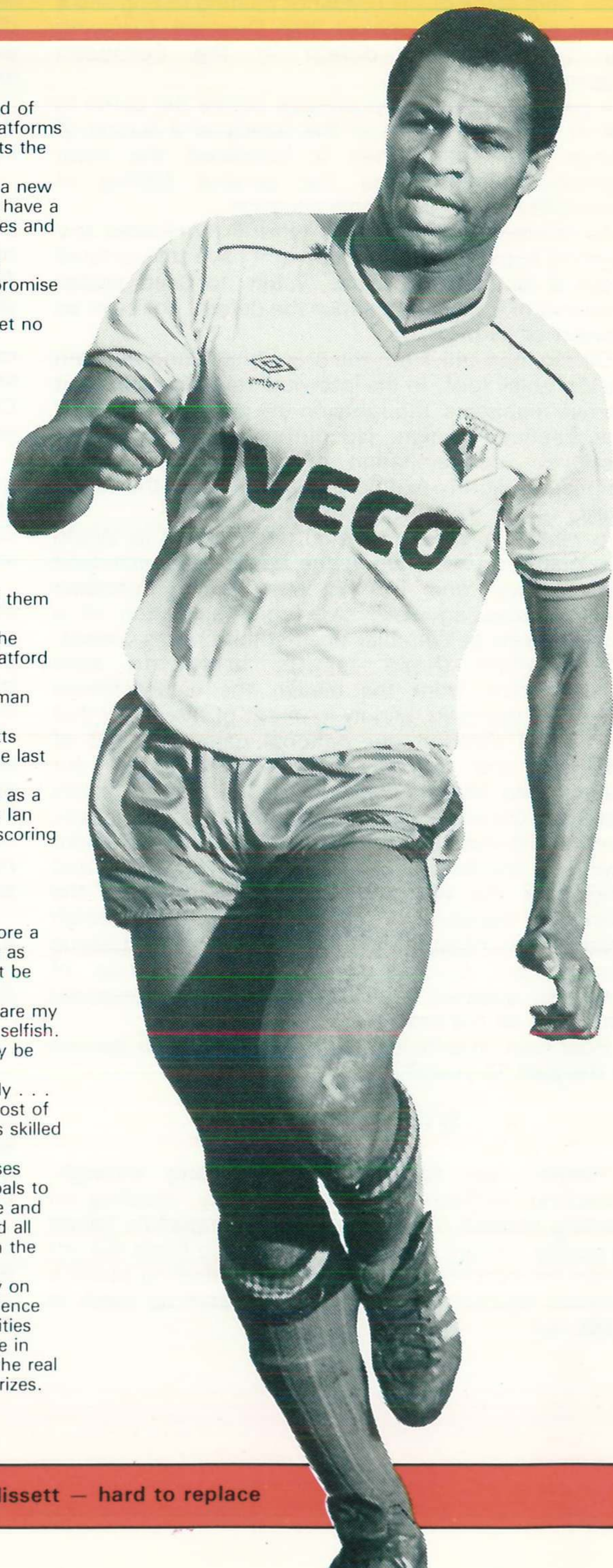
"Then I can go out on the park and have a real stinker. But if I score a goal I find that people are slapping me on the back. It is ridiculous as Kenny Dalglish has often told me. My professional career must not be judged on goals alone. I have a commitment to the team.

"I suppose this is something I must learn to live with, but if goals are my sole function for Liverpool my game will suffer and I may become selfish. Then my whole game could deteriorate and my place will obviously be under extra pressure."

Only a finisher of Rush's talent could examine his game so minutely . . . and fail to be satisfied with the results of his efforts. But he left most of the other First Division strikers in the shade last term, including his skilled partner Kenny Dalglish.

Leicester's lethal young strike star Gary Lineker should set the pulses racing this season after shooting his team to promotion with 26 goals to finish top scorer in the Second Division. Lineker has pace, promise and devastating punch. That is why manager Gordon Milne has refused all inquiries — and there have been quite a few from the top teams in the country.

Kerry Dixon cracked 26 for Reading last season and hopes to carry on scoring at Chelsea this term. He is a young man who oozes confidence and pulls in the crowds. Soccer is crying out for the new personalities and it is the men who put the ball in the net who hold centre stage in what will be the most vital season in years. He could finish up as the real Canon-ball kid next May when they start dishing out the scoring prizes.



Luther Blissett — hard to replace

ENGLAND -

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'SOCCER shame, torment, Robson's frightened men, rubbish, appalling, disaster, England found lacking': these were some of the headlines relating to England's dismal performance against little Denmark following our 1-0 Wembley defeat in the European Championship.

It seemed almost preposterous before the game to talk in terms of defeat at the hands of a bunch of vikings, but then when it happened the most frightening reality was the general feeling of inevitability about the whole situation.

As referee Alexis Ponnet's whistle terminated any lingering hopes English hearts might have still nurtured about a last ditch reprieve, I felt no deep seated emotions of indignation about the defeat, not even an element of surprise.

On the long trek from the press box, slung beneath the Wembley roof, to the interview room to sound out the two managers' thoughts on the game, the rhetoric was distinctly benign. No outbursts of disgust, or passionate condemnation or blame even, just a resigned if slightly reluctant acceptance of the torpid quality of our game at international level.

In recent years we have suffered defeat in World Cup qualifying matches at the hands of Switzerland and Norway and in this very same European Championship agonised over the humiliation of a goalless draw at Wembley against third raters Greece.

But while these results prompted acid condemnation from the media, the establishment remained unmoved, blindly ignorant of the decay that has ripped through our national game. Instead of analysing and reviewing the preparation of our players, the blinkers were tightened and football's hierarchy contented themselves that at the domestic level the Football League is still the best in the world. Even that insular smugness no longer rings true and long after the waitresses had departed from the Wembley banqueting hall following the Danish debacle, an unhappy member of the Football League Management Committee addressing a group of pressmen quipped: "Easy for you chaps, I suppose you know all the answers."

Poor man. Has he learned nothing from the lessons of the past 13 years?

STILL SKILFUL

Haven't we fooled ourselves long enough, accepting mediocrity instead of quality, insisting on stamina instead of technique. Even England's failure to qualify for two successive World Cup finals did not shake the system, neither has the footballing public's obvious rejection of the game we serve up week in week out.

The crisis that has forced many famous establishments to the brink of extinction over the past two years has also been ignored. Yes the club chairmen held their dramatic survival meetings but what emerged was only a cosmetic exercise, at the end of the day the old show rolled on regardlessly.

Our whole attitude to the game needs revising from the cradle to those 70-year-old administrators who influence and control the destiny of English soccer.

Bobby Robson for one would love to get his coaches in at the beginning to develop young players of eight and upwards and teach them the good habits of the game but the English Schools Football Association will have none of it. They prefer to teach young children to compete rather than create.

That point was emphasised by Allan Simonsen, the man whose penalty sank England at Wembley. The little Dane said: "At the time I was playing here with Charlton Athletic I suggested that you should open your eyes and look to broader horizons.

"Take an interest in football on the continent and learn. I am not suggesting that English teams should abandon their game entirely but pick up one or two little points from the continent that can be incorporated into your play.

"There is still a lot of skill in English football but I think it is sadly missing that spark of invention, something original. The general pattern of play is so predictable and when you play an English club side or the national team you know what to expect and can therefore work out your strategy to contain it.

"One of the problems is the big long ball which seems to be taught to English players at a very young age. They are not encouraged to carry the ball and beat opponents. There is very little close, quick combination play and the movement of players off the ball, particularly from the back and midfield is very poor.

"The reliance on the long ball to the attackers makes it very hard for the forwards who generally do not have the support of other players and consequently loose the ball all too easily."

LACK OF CONCERN

England's demise as a great soccer power should never have been allowed to happen but now that it has we must all share some of the blame. The finger of guilt stretches from schoolboy football to the Football League Champions.

Schools only dabble with the rudiments of the game they do not encourage and develop the skills and techniques as they do on the continent. Here competition is the main priority, winning the name of the game, as eight- and nine-year-olds are thrown into

THE LONG HAUL BACK

BY
COLIN
BENSON

eleven-a-side games instead of being encouraged to increase their ability in small sided uncompetitive matches.

The general lack of concern about practicing and progressing with skill work is carried on when youngsters eventually come under the umbrella of League clubs as well. Fitness, pace and work rate are the criteria by which the young footballer is judged. If he can run for 90 minutes and compete for 90 minutes then he has a chance of making it.

There are plenty of examples in the Football League. Players who can run and run and run but they can't

control a ball, can't pass it with any degree of accuracy or vision. They are work horses, the artisans we produce so easily.

On average English professionals train for two hours a day which is quite adequate to maintain a high standard of fitness. But why don't managers insist on afternoon sessions to concentrate on skill work and technique?

The standard answer is that our players are too involved in matches, we don't have time to concentrate on the basics as they do in Germany, Switzerland — where incidentally the majority of players are part-time — and other continental countries.

NO EASY SOLUTION

For this the managers and ultimately the directors who employ them must take responsibility for it is their failure to demand quality that has brought the game to its knees.

How can Bobby Robson be blamed when the system just does not produce players up to top international standards. He has tried, oh how he has tried in the past year, yet has to admit: "I have learned that you can never beat the system that applies to English football. You have to keep chipping away, hoping to change it gradually."

One can only sympathise with his frustrations. Whatever England's immediate fate, be it success or failure, the harsh reality of statistics show that we have not matched the best in Europe since Alf Ramsey's team earned the respect of the world between 1965 and 1970.

Continual failures have been followed by traditional angry outbursts that have quickly dissolved in the wake of European success at club level, where the Scots, the Irish and the Welsh play such a prominent part. No doubt the same will happen again and England's future at top class international level will remain a depressingly risky gamble.

There is no quick and easy solution but to continually ignore the reality will only widen the gulf between us and the leading nations. As I see it at the present moment we have two alternatives in the short term. Either we get down to seriously concentrating on developing young players of skill, and encourage them to show flair and initiative — and such an emphasis could have no better boost than if Tottenham Hotspur or West Ham United were to win the Championship — or we decide that we can not compete with the world's best on these terms and concentrate on improving our known strengths of running and power and develop a national team on the lines of Watford.



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THE FOUR STEP RULE

Wolves 'keeper John Burridge stands his ground as Mick Channon keeps his eyes glued to the ball.

As you will no doubt have observed this season the Law appertaining to goalkeepers handling the ball has been altered yet again and this has resulted in some confusion which we will clear up on this page.

The Council of the Football Association decided in August 1982 that with effect from the end of last season, instructions regarding the Laws of the Game will only be issued by the Football Association and no other Association or League; and thus this amendment applies to all grades of football under the Football Association's jurisdiction.

Last season as you know goalkeepers were very restricted in their movement and virtually had to release the ball as soon as they received it. However the Law failed in its original intention which was to avoid unnecessary delay by the goalkeeper not releasing the ball because 'keepers just held on until everyone had left the area and then waited for a colleague to dribble the ball to a more advanced area of the penalty box for them to pick up again and kick out.

The Law then stated: "from the moment the ball comes under his control, he takes more than 4 steps without releasing the ball into play and — having released it — he touches the ball again before it has been touched or played by another player, or," an

indirect free kick would be awarded against the goalkeeper.

The new text reads like this: "from the moment he takes control of the ball with his hands, he takes more than 4 steps in any direction whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without releasing it into play, or, having released it into play before, during or after the 4 steps, he touches it again with his hands, before it has been touched or played by another player, or"

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Law is consistent with the explanatory provisions endorsed by the Board 1983 that were issued by FIFA in August and November 1982 following a meeting of the International F.A. Board.

Once the goalkeeper has the ball under his control and has taken up to four steps, the basic idea is to prevent him from making "advances" in the penalty area with the ball at his feet and catching it at will with his hands.

"Controlling the ball" in the goalkeeper's case means that he is holding the ball in his hands. However, one cannot deviate from the fundamental principle that the goalkeeper is and remains a player who is also entitled to participate in the game and thus should not be prevented and hence forbidden from playing the ball with his feet in his own penalty area.

So the following principles of application are now valid: Once the 'keeper has the ball under control (in his hands), he can take up to four steps in the time allotted to him, by holding the ball, or bouncing the ball, or by throwing the ball in the air and catching it again.

After taking the four steps he must then release the ball into play. However, if after having the ball under control (in his hands), the goalkeeper then decides to put the ball on the ground, he loses the rights mentioned in the previous paragraph, thereby revealing his intention to play the ball with his feet.

From then on, he can no longer touch the ball or pick it up with his hands, even if he has taken less than four steps before another player has touched the ball. He must, therefore, release the ball or continue to play it with his feet; in the latter case, he is entitled to take more than four steps because he has the same rights as any other players to dribble and kick the ball.

This has speeded up the time a 'keeper holds onto the ball and enables them to make quick and decisive passes. If for instance a ball is played into the area and there is no opponent near, the 'keeper can control the ball with his feet and dribble to the edge of his box before picking it up and clearing.



Suggestions by the Police Federation that football matches are posing a threat to public order are strongly refuted by The Football League.

Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League, says: "We don't want to be placed in a position where we are attacking the police, but the Chairman of the Police Federation is not really helping the situation by inspiring headlines and stories which blame football for the problems of society. He is adding fuel to the fire."

"I find it difficult to accept allegations that clubs have not done as much as they could to protect the genuine supporters' pleasure and enjoyment from the lunatic fringe who infiltrate our grounds."

"Since 1976, the amount of money spent by League clubs on ground improvements is approaching £60 million. In that same period almost £10 million has been spent on crowd control measures alone."

"Virtually every club operates a segregation procedure, 75 have installed some form of perimeter fencing, and 38 have a crowd monitoring system."

"These figures surely show that The Football League clubs are not complacent about the hooliganism problems".

Mr Kelly's words are emphasised by the actions of the clubs.

Manchester United averaged 41,000 spectators per match last season. Yet so successful was their supervision that they averaged per game no more than three arrests and sixteen evictions.

Arsenal have spent £50,000 on ground safety in the past year.

Liverpool have been prepared to lose money to extend the size, and comfort, of the visiting fans' enclosures. They "donated" the space, which they don't expect to fill more than two or three times a season, by removing 450 revenue-generating seats.

Newcastle have spent more than £150,000 on St. James's Park and paid a police bill of £60,000 last season. Their reward is only one serious offence in recent years.

Portsmouth have shamed their

of date, for instance in the Manchester City team group half the players have since left Maine Road but it must be remembered that the book is intended more as a summary of what happened last season than a directory for this year and in this aspect as always it succeeds.

However one must point out that there are an unusually high number of mistakes in this edition. For example in the directory on Norwich City, Mark Crowe is listed as Mark Crone and Dennis van Wyk as van Wijk while under West Ham United, Phil Parkes and Ray Stewart are shown as bargain buys at £50,000 and £43,000 each when of course there should be another zero added to both fees.

Otherwise it remains the football fans' favourite friend and bible, a

LEAGUE CLUBS BEATING THE HOOLIGANS

troublemakers by printing their names and addresses in the club programme.

These measures illustrate some of the reasons why official police figures show that convictions for hooliganism are down by eight per cent.

All the evidence therefore indicates that the picture being painted by the Police Federation is distorted.

BOOK REVIEW

The latest edition of Rothmans Football Yearbook (Queen Anne Press, £7.95 paperback or £10.95 hardback).

The soccer statisticians' encyclopedia, crammed full with 960 pages of facts and figures. And this year there are one or two new innovations such as the name of the referee covering all the League fixtures and the transfer fees of players in the club directory section, which has been brightened up by the inclusion of a team picture of each of the 92 clubs.

There has been some criticism that the team pictures are way out

detailed manual which should be on every soccer enthusiast's shelf.

A new edition to the list of football manuals is the Sunday Telegraph Canon Football Year Book 83-84 (paperback £4.95). Compiled and edited by Jack Rollin — formerly the editor of the Rothmans Year Book — and Norman Barrett, it contains 415 pages of facts, figures and records.

This book restricts itself to the past season only and as such provides as comprehensive a coverage as you could hope to find. A nice new touch is the inclusion of match reviews of the major matches and this adds a little depth to the statistical data that covers almost every facet of last season!

The book covers the Football League, F.A. Cup, Milk Cup, F.A. Charity Shield as well as non-League football in terms of the F.A. Trophy, Challenge Vase, Youth Cup, Amateur, Schools and Minor football.

If there is anything you want to know about our domestic game last season then it is here in this authoritative reference book.

Bolton

A-Z

PART 7 — BY TONY PULLEIN

CUP FINALS (Continued)

1958 BOLTON 2 MANCHESTER UNITED 0
Lofthouse 2 100,000
(at Wembley)

This was a sombre Wembley occasion for Manchester United had lost six of their Wembley team of a year earlier in the Munich air crash. Their manager Matt Busby had survived fearful injuries and went to Wembley but the team was led out by assistant-manager Jimmy Murphy.

But it was Bolton who controlled the game after taking the lead after only three minutes. Bryan Edwards pushed the ball down the middle and, as the United defence stood still, Nat Lofthouse nipped in to touch the ball past Harry Gregg.

Though Bolton dominated play for long periods, and Gregg had to save from Lofthouse and Brian Birch, United made occasional thrusts and Eddie Hopkinson had to be at his best to save from Ernie Taylor and Bobby Charlton.

Bolton had a scare shortly after the interval when Charlton's shot beat Hopkinson but hit the inside of the far post and rolled back into the goalkeeper's hands.

Almost immediately, Bolton's attack flowed again and Dennis Stevens' shot was pushed into the air by Gregg. As he caught the ball at the second attempt, the United goalkeeper was charged over the line by Lofthouse and Bolton were 2-0 up.

Lofthouse was denied a possible hat-trick when the whistle blew for full time as he was charging in on goal. But he didn't worry for Bolton had won the F.A. Cup for the fourth time.

BOLTON:

Hopkinson, Hartle, Banks, Hennin, Higgins, Edwards, Birch, Stevens, Lofthouse, Parry, Holden.

CALDWELL, Tony

Tony was signed from Horwich last summer and made a sensational start to his League career. He took his bow at home to Wimbledon on the opening day of the season and then scored twice in his second game, against Chester in the Milk Cup. He later enjoyed that incredible five-goal hit against Walsall and his two goals at Exeter took his tally to 11 goals in 11 League and Cup outings for the club.

His League record, up until October 8th, was:

		Aps.	Gls.
BOLTON	1983/84	9	9

CHRIST CHURCH F.C. It was in 1874 when what was to become Bolton Wanderers F.C. was born. The Rev. J. F. Wright, the vicar of Christ Church, was taking an interest in the new sport of football, much of which was played in and around Bolton. He invited one of his regular church goers, Thomas Ogden, to collect sixpence from all interested players for the purpose of buying a football. At that time, no standard set of rules had been agreed and matches were played against local teams with rules being made up almost as they went along. Meetings were held in Christ Church school but the vicar, who had been appointed president,

refused to permit any business to be discussed unless he was present.

Eventually, other members of the committee objected and, in August 1877, it was agreed to change the name of the club to Bolton Wanderers F.C. Subsequent meetings were held at the Gladstone Hotel.

DAVIES, Wyn

Centre-forward Wyn developed his scoring in the Fourth Division with Wrexham and Bolton signed him for £25,000 in 1962. He quickly settled down in our First Division side and, in October 1963, he made his debut for Wales against England at Cardiff. He won 17 of his 34 full international caps as a Bolton player and in 1964/65 he was our leading scorer with 25 League and Cup goals. Wyn made an explosive start to the 1966/67 season, scoring 12 times in his first 12 League games, including two hat-tricks. We were then in the Second Division so, when Newcastle made a bid of £85,000 for him, he took the chance to return to the First Division with them. He later played for Manchester City, Manchester United, Blackpool, Crystal Palace (on loan) and Stockport before completing his League playing days with Crewe.

League record:

		Aps.	Gls.
WREXHAM	1960/61	26	9
	1961/62	29	13
BOLTON	1961/62	12	3
	1962/63	40	10
	1963/64	23	7
	1964/65	34	21
	1965/66	34	13
NEWCASTLE	1966/67	12	12
	1966/67	29	6
	1967/68	41	12
	1968/69	37	11
	1969/70	40	9
	1970/71	40	8
	1971/72	40	8
	1972/73	5	—
MANCHESTER CITY	1972/73	15(1)	4
MANCHESTER UTD.	1973/74	17	3
BLACKPOOL	1974/75	17(2)	2
C. PALACE (loan)	1974/75	3	—
STOCKPORT	1975/76	28(2)	7
CREWE	1976/77	36(1)	7
	1977/78	14(4)	6
		566(10)	165

DEFEATS. Our record defeat is one of the most modest of all the Football League clubs. Our 0-7 defeat at Manchester City, in a First Division game in March 1936, remains our worst on record.

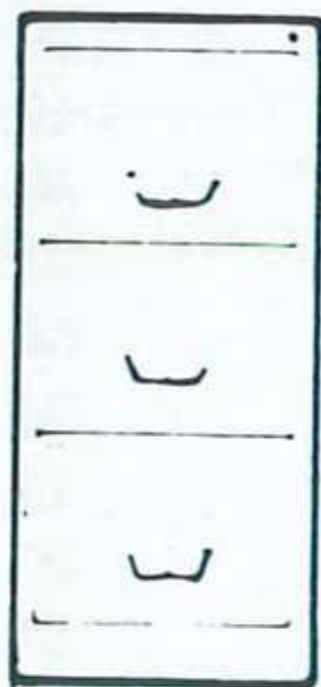
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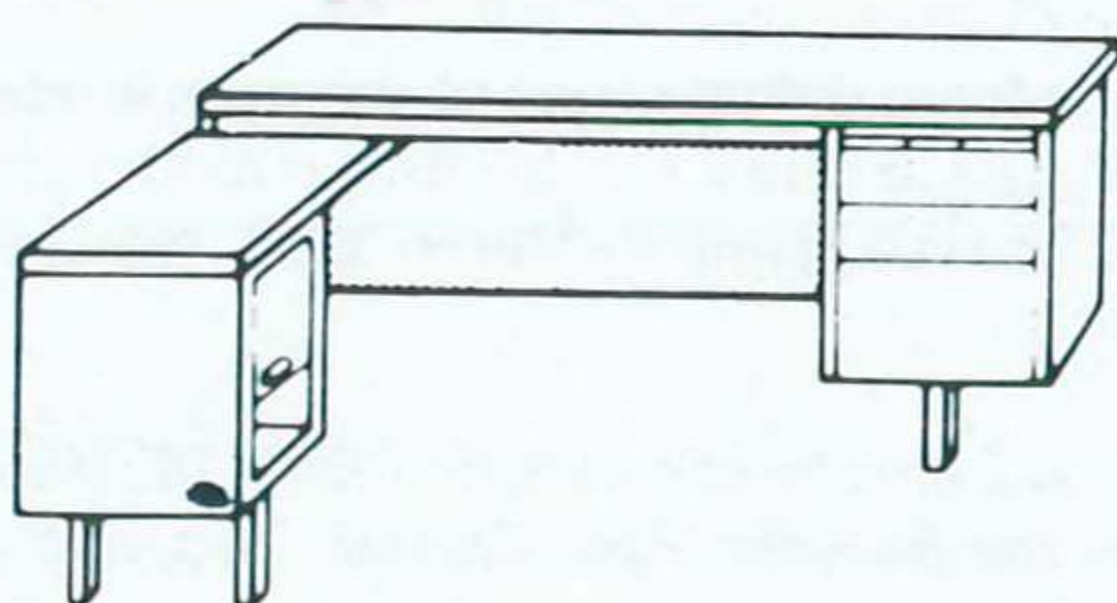
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Action

1. Neil Redfearn in action in the recent Burnley match.
2. Burnley defenders Andy Wharton and Martin Dobson are in the way but Steve Thompson still gets in a header.

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	30	Chester City MC1 (1st Leg)	3-0	2665	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce ¹	McElhinney	Valentine	Saunders	Chandler ⁺	Rudge	Caldwell ²	Redfearn	Foster
Sept.	3	Bradford City	2-0	3324	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Saunders	Chandler	Rudge ¹	Caldwell ¹	Redfearn	Berry
	6	Gillingham	0-2	3087	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Saunders	Chandler	Rudge	Caldwell ⁵	Redfearn	Berry
	10	Walsall	8-1	4375	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Redfearn	Foster
	14	Chester City MC1 (2nd Leg)	0-3	1502	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge	Caldwell	Redfearn	Saunders
	16	Scunthorpe United	0-1	4406	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge	Caldwell ¹	Redfearn	Saunders
	24	Rotherham United	2-0	5592	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge	Caldwell	Redfearn	Saunders
	27	Burnley	0-0	9709	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge	Caldwell	Redfearn	Saunders
Oct.	1	Bristol Rovers	1-2	5651	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce ⁺	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge ¹	Caldwell ²	Redfearn	Berry
	8	Exeter City	2-2	3478	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Rudge	Caldwell ²	Redfearn	Berry
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	10	FA Cup 2														
	17	Preston North End														
	26	Wigan Athletic														
	27	Oxford United														
	31	Sheffield United														
1984																
Jan.	2	Millwall														
	7	Bradford C. (FA 3)														
	14	Wimbledon														
	21	Scunthorpe United														
	28	Walsall (FA 4)														
Feb.	4	Bristol Rovers														
	11	Rotherham United														
	14	Lincoln City														
	17	Southend U. (FA 5)														
	25	Port Vale														
Mar.	3	Hull City														
	6	Orient														
	10	Plymouth A. (FA 6)														
	17	Exeter City														
	24	Newport C. (MC F)														
	31	Burnley														
Apr.	7	Gillingham														
	14	Brentford (FA SF)														
	20	Oxford United														
	21	Wigan Athletic														
	28	AFC Bournemouth														
May	5	Millwall														
	7	Sheffield United														
	12	Preston North End														
	19	FA Cup Final														

NEXT HOME GAMES

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Wednesday 19th October

Wanderers Reserves

v

Blackburn Rovers Reserves

K.O. 7.00 p.m.

CANON LEAGUE DIV. 3

Saturday 29th October

v

SOUTHEND UNITED

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

BOLTON-LE-MOORS

ROUND TABLE

FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

Sunday October 30th

Fun Fair from 3 p.m.

Bolton Infant Schools

6-a-side Football Competition

Final Rounds

Eagley Brass Band

£2,000 Firework Display

Starting at 6.30 p.m.



RAC

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 1983)

	P		HOME		AWAY		GOALS		GOALS		Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford United	10	4	1	0	17	8	3	1	1	8	5	23
Hull City	10	5	0	0	16	2	1	4	0	4	3	22
Bristol Rovers	10	5	0	0	10	3	2	1	2	4	5	22
Sheffield United	9	3	2	0	11	3	3	0	1	7	6	20
Orient	9	3	0	1	6	1	2	2	1	4	4	17
Wigan Athletic	10	2	2	1	6	5	2	3	0	7	5	17
Walsall	10	3	0	2	10	5	2	1	2	6	14	16
Wimbledon	10	3	0	2	16	7	1	1	3	4	8	15
Newport County	10	2	3	0	8	6	2	0	3	6	13	15
Bolton Wanderers	10	3	1	1	14	4	1	1	3	5	7	14
Millwall	10	4	0	1	10	5	0	2	3	8	16	14
Rotherham United	9	2	0	3	4	4	2	1	1	5	5	13
Gillingham	9	3	0	2	11	7	1	1	2	4	9	13
Lincoln City	10	3	1	1	10	5	1	0	4	3	10	13
Burnley	9	3	0	1	11	5	0	3	2	3	8	12
Plymouth Argyle	10	3	2	0	8	2	0	0	5	3	10	11
Southend United	9	1	3	1	6	8	1	1	2	9	8	10
Preston North End	10	1	2	2	10	9	1	2	2	3	5	10
Scunthorpe United	10	2	1	2	6	9	0	3	2	3	8	10
Exeter City	10	0	1	4	2	10	2	1	2	8	7	8
Brentford	9	1	3	0	6	3	0	1	4	8	14	7
Bradford City	10	0	3	2	4	8	1	0	4	5	10	6
AFC Bournemouth	10	2	0	3	4	4	0	0	5	4	16	6
Port Vale	9	1	2	1	4	3	0	0	5	5	14	5

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for the season

CENTRAL
LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Goals F A
1983		
Aug.	31 Burnley	4-0
Sept.	7 Newcastle Utd.	0-2
	14 Derby County	0-6
	20 Manchester Utd.	0-2
	28 Sheffield Wed.	1-2
Oct.	4 Liverpool	0-6
	13 Nottingham F.	0-4
	19 Blackburn R.	
	27 Sheffield Utd	
Nov.	9 Aston Villa	
	15 Everton	
	23 Leeds United	
	30 Stoke City	
Dec.	7 Sunderland	
	14 West Brom A.	
	21 Newcastle Utd.	
1984		
Jan.	11 Liverpool	
	17 Derby County	
	25 Manchester Utd.	
	31 Sheffield Wed.	
Feb.	8 Nottingham F.	
	22 Blackburn R.	
	29 Aston Villa	
Mar.	14 Sheffield Utd.	
	20 Burnley	
	28 Everton	
Apr.	2 Leeds United	
	11 Stoke City	
	18 Sunderland	
	25 West Brom. A.	

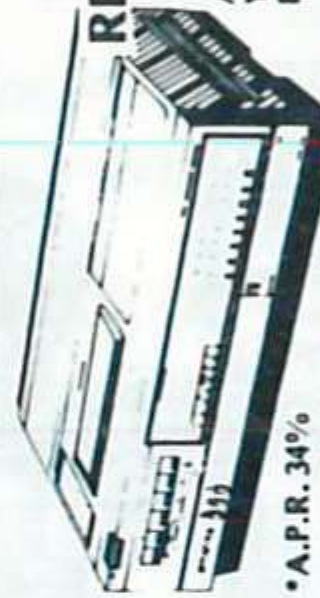


GOING BY CAR?
HERE IS YOUR RAC ROUTE
TO NEXT WEEK'S AWAY GAME AT
PORT VALE

BOLTON
A666/M61/M62 to intersection 10, M6 at
Croft 16 miles
M6 south to intersection 16, junction with
A500 46 miles
A500 to Longport junction with A527
(follow Burslem signs) 52 miles
A527 to Burslem 53 miles

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Officials and players of Bolton Lads Club receive their strip and cheque from Nat Lofthouse also Knibbs (Bolton) Ltd General Manager Derek Preston on behalf of Fiat Auto (UK) Ltd.

THIRD DIVISION FACTS AND FIGURES

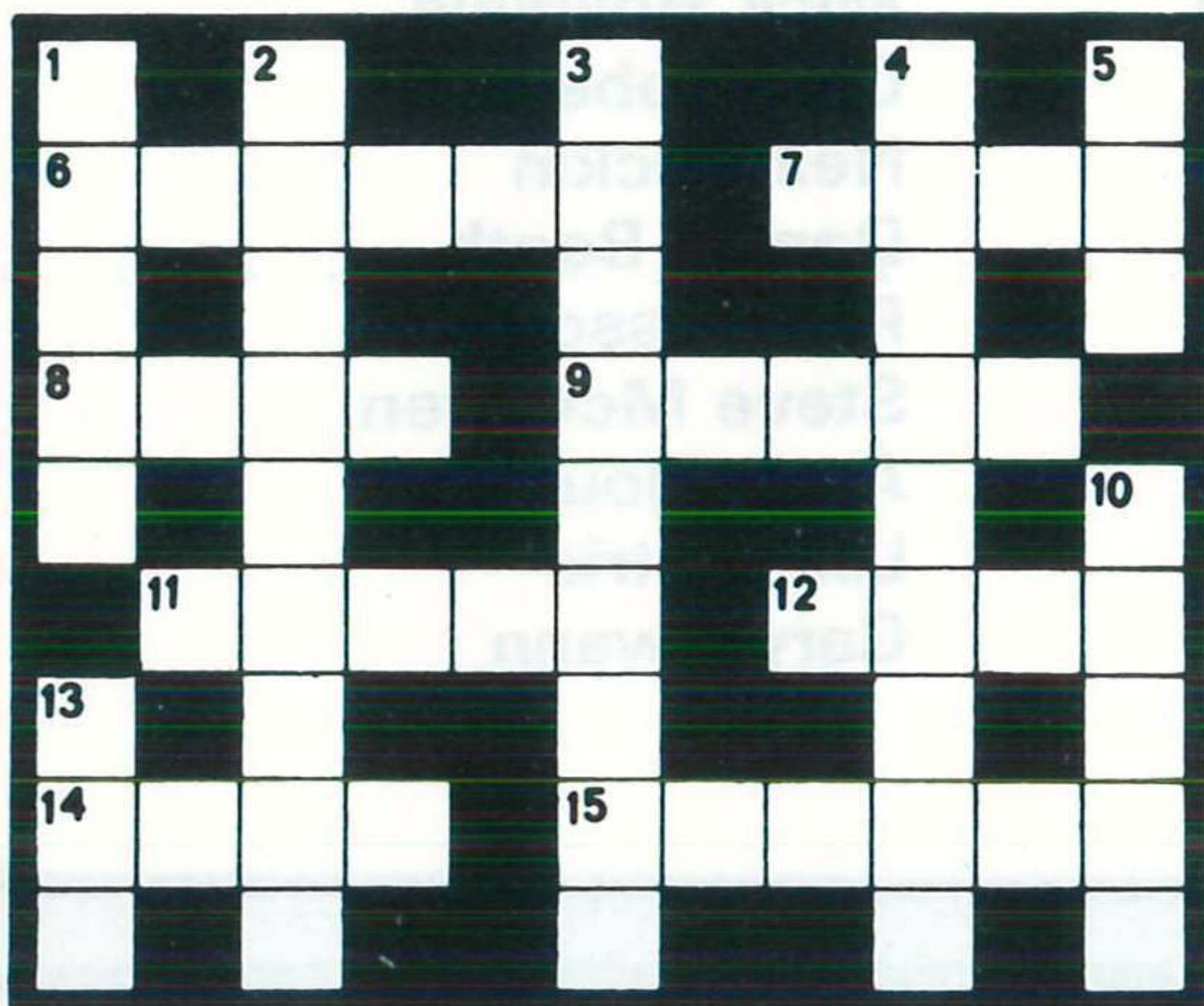
AS AT 10th OCTOBER 1983

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
BOLTON W.	9,709 v Burnley	5,917	Caldwell 9
BOURNEMOUTH	4,163 v Preston	3,491	Graham, Morgan, Beck 2
BRADFORD C.	3,391 v Hull City	2,854	Haire 4
BRENTFORD	8,042 v Burnley	6,326	Joseph 5
BRISTOL ROV.	5,651 v Bolton	5,006	Barrett 3
BURNLEY	6,766 v Plymouth	6,332	Hamilton 6
EXETER C.	4,742 v Walsall	3,447	McEwan 5
GILLINGHAM	3,725 v Preston	3,294	Leslie, Mehmet 3
HULL CITY	16,728 v Sheff. Utd.	10,357	Whitehurst 5
LINCOLN C.	6,686 v Sheff. Utd.	4,069	Jack 6
MILLWALL	6,709 v Burnley	5,000	Otulakowski, Chatterton 4
NEWPORT CO.	5,015 v Bristol Rov.	3,182	Vaughan 5
OXFORD UTD.	7,140 v Brentford	5,656	Biggins, Lawrence 6
ORIENT	4,206 v Bristol Rov.	3,194	Godfrey, Houchen 2
PLYMOUTH A.	3,821 v Scunthorpe	3,604	Rogers, Staniforth 2
PORT VALE	4,897 v Bradford	4,609	Steele 3
PRESTON N.E.	6,661 v Hull City	4,773	Sayer 4
ROTHERHAM U.	5,518 v Orient	4,498	Kilmore 3
SCUNTHORPE U.	4,406 v Bolton	3,539	Lester, Cammack 2
SHEFFIELD U.	12,441 v Preston	10,921	Edwards 8
SOUTHEND U.	4,272 v Millwall	3,388	Phillips 6
WALSALL	4,711 v Sheff. Utd.	3,572	Summerfield, Brown 4
WIGAN A.	4,858 v Hull City	3,404	Taylor 4
WIMBLEDON	3,462 v Bristol Rov.	2,783	Cork 5

CROSSWORD No. 7

ACROSS

6. The Road to this London club is named after a major city of 4 down (6)
7. When England played 4 down three times (4)
8. Ashton — — — has featured soccer in all four divisions over the last four seasons (4)
9. The home city of St Johnston (and also a major city of 4 down) (5)
11. Niedzwiecki's first name (5)
12. One of the spate of managerial Smiths (4)
14. What more is needed for Whatmore (4)
15. He has collected over 50 caps since first turning out for Northern Ireland in 1971 (6)



DOWN

1. With over 50 international appearances during his decade-plus at Partick, he became far and away the club's most-capped player (5)
2. The ground of the 1983 European Cup-Winners' Cup winners (9)
3. Top scorer at Old Trafford for the last couple of seasons (9)
4. Country beaten by both East and West Germany in the 1974 World Cup finals (9)
5. One of Sunderland's shades (3)
10. The nickname of Chester (5)
13. How many of the famous Jack brothers played for England? (3)

Answers to No. 6: **ACROSS:** 1. Peter Price, 7. Ayr, 8. Booth, 9. Story. 12. China, 13. out, 14. Pilkington. **DOWN:** 1. practice, 2. Turk, 3. right-back, 4. Robertson, 5. Cook, 6. Charlton, 10. Didi, 11. tout.

PICK-NICK No. 7

Solve this cryptic clue to a club's nickname and then identify the club:

HAPPY TO HAVE "THE HATTERS" DROP IN?

Answer to No. 6: HORNETS (anag) WATFORD

QUICK QUIZ No. 7

1. In which year was the quota of 92 League clubs reached?
2. Which club completed appearance against the other 91 in 1982/83?
3. For which club does Bob McKinlay hold the appearances record?
4. Which English international left a German club to join Southampton in 1979?
5. Who were "The Kray Twins" of Port Vale in 1982/83?

Answers to No. 6

1. Brighton, 2. Besiktas, 3. Bradford City, 4. Sanchez (Reading), 5. Joachim Streich.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 7

Re-order the letters in each of the words

REPACK and ANKERS

to find the names of two men called "Mick"

Answers to No. 6: REID, SPIRING

ON THE BALL No. 7

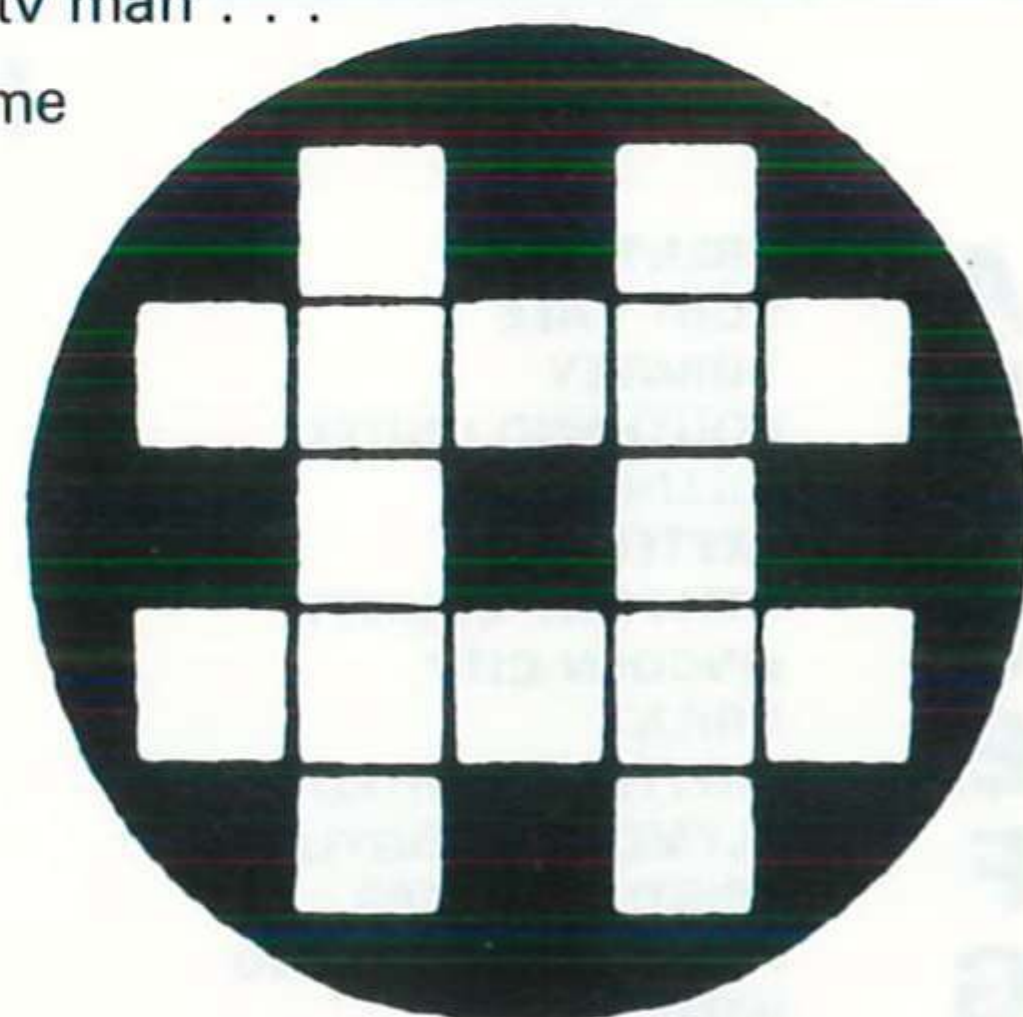
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

They may be professional . . .

. . . but it's best to be this

Sounds like an extra tv man . . .

. . . with this first name



ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

Answers to No. 6: COTON, COOKE, BOOTS, STOKE.

TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS

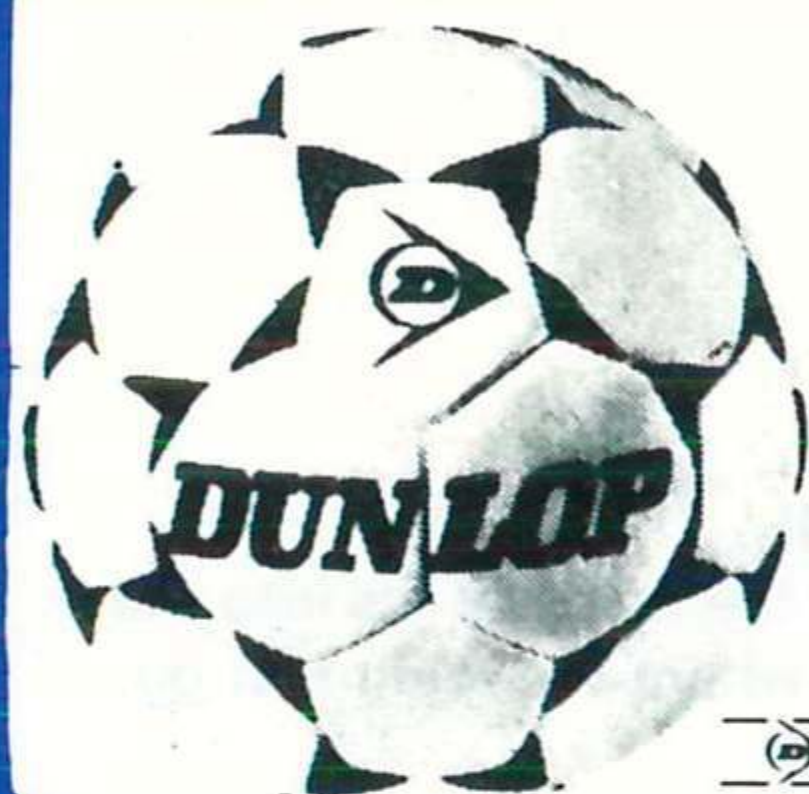
White & Navy Blue

Simon Farnworth	1
Brian Borrows	2
Ray Deakin	3
Warren Joyce	4
Gerry McElhinney	5
Peter Valentine	6
Steve Thompson	7
Jeff Chandler	8
Simon Rudge	9
Tony Caldwell	10
Neil Redfearn	11
	12

HULL CITY

Amber & Black

Tony Norman
Bobby McNeil
Mick Hollifield
Dale Roberts
Neil Cockin
Dennis Booth
Paul Olsson
Steve McClaren
Andy Flounders
Les Mutrie
Gary Swann



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Works as a Distribution Manager. His interests are gardening and keeping fit and he is also secretary of a local junior football league.



LINESMEN:

D. D. CRONE (Liverpool) Red Flag
S. W. MASON (Nelson) Yellow Flag

HALFTIME SCOREBOARD

A	BRENTFORD	I	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	Q	ROCHDALE
B	PORT VALE	J	WIGAN ATHLETIC	R	PETERBOROUGH UNITED
C	BURNLEY	K	WALSALL	S	WREXHAM
D	SOUTHEND UNITED	L	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	T	BLACKPOOL
E	GILLINGHAM	M	CAMBRIDGE UNITED		
F	EXETER CITY	N	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN		
G	NEWPORT COUNTY	O	BRISTOL CITY		
H	LINCOLN CITY	P	YORK CITY		
	ORIENT		CHESTERFIELD		
	SHEFFIELD UNITED		DONCASTER ROVERS		
	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		COLCHESTER UNITED		
	BRISTOL ROVERS		BURY		
	PRESTON NORTH END		HALIFAX TOWN		
	WIMBLEDON		CREWE ALEXANDRA		
	ROTHERHAM UNITED		NORTHAMPTON TOWN		
	MILLWALL		TORQUAY UNITED		